



## Newsletter 22

26<sup>th</sup> February, 2016

Happy Friday!.....

In school it is easy to get used to September being the month of new beginnings and July being the month of endings. As we know however, 'real' life doesn't work to that time-frame. And so it is that this year, we will be saying goodbye to two much-loved and long-standing members of staff at Easter.

After eleven years at St Stephen's, I am sad to say that Mrs Macdonald will be leaving us at Easter. Sian is a delight to have in the school - calm, dedicated and a very talented teacher and we will be very sad to see her go. She will be taking time to explore new ventures and I hope she will continue to be a very familiar face around the school.

Also leaving us at Easter is Mrs Graham. In the twelve years or so that Amanda has been with us she has performed numerous roles as a teaching assistant and lunchtime supervisor. As many of you know, she has also co-ordinated our extra-curricular clubs provision, and in so doing has played a vital role in ensuring the wide selection of clubs we offer has continued to grow and strengthen. Amanda's calm and efficient approach and great sense of humour will be greatly missed by us all.

I know you will join me in wishing both Mrs Macdonald and Mrs Graham lots of love and luck for their future adventures.

Have a lovely weekend, Andy Bowman

**Seven gold medals and over 60 Reading for Rio certificates in assembly.....** Hurrah for our Reading for Rio enthusiasts! Over 60 certificates and six gold medals were handed out in celebration assembly this week. Gold medals went to Carter Payne (F1), Freddie Weeks (F3), Kal-El Worrel Petteford (F4), Emily Willis (F7), George Willis (F7), Myles Payne (F7) and Amelia Lay (F12).

Silver certificates were awarded to Carter Payne (F1); Adam Hiscox and Finn Blanchard (F2), Giorgia Schiano Moriello (F2), Phoebe Weeks (F3), Freddie Weeks (F3), Kal-El Worrel Petteford (F4), Jasper Gittens (F4), Jamie Jarvis (F4), Ava Garrett (F5) and from F7 Sophie Gittens, Nell Abbey, Emily Willis and George Willis.

Bronze certificates winners in F1 were Louis Harris, Emily Skeels, Calypso Pappa-Chorianopoulou, Carla Fereday and Elis Nagata. From F2 we applauded Matilda Seabeck-Brookes, Finn Blanchard, George Groves, Clare Nagle and Oscar Vanni plus India Cooper, Rufus Doherty and Lyndon BC from F3. In F4 Jamie Jarvis, Kal-El Worrel Petteford, Jasper Gittens, Isabella Lee, Amelia Korner-Davies, Rosie Rees and Spencer Harris won certificates along with Ava Garrett and Martha Robson from F5. Eva Blanchard, Jack Bowra, Aila Fereday and Dougie Longford-Richardson from F6 gained certificates along with Vincent Lee, Jamie Lodge, Isaac Cooper, Lily Arndell, Nell Abbey, Isla Else, Sophie Gittens, Ella Merchant, Tilly Wilkins and George Solomon from F7 plus Sam Peters from F8. Congratulations also to Lily Gunstone (F9), Joseph Clarey (F10), Sam Rees (F9), Libby Flavell (F11) and Florence Burton (F14).

World Book Day excitement mounting

- Today is the last day for handing in your World Book Day quizzes. Put the completed sheets in the box in the foyer and Mrs Brocklebank will rustle up the answers before next Friday
- We are looking forward to seeing you at the book fair in the hall after school from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> March. World Book Day tokens can be spent there.
- Don't forget that Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March is the day to come to school dressed as a fairy-tale character and hopefully bringing a £1 donation to help stock our library with new books
- Thank you if you are bringing a Dad, Grandad or Brother to school next week to read with your class. I wonder what favourite books they will bring?



## Sports News.....

Banes Tag Rugby Tournament.....Our Tag Rugby Team led by Dan Abbey put in a tremendous performance on Thursday afternoon at the tag rugby competition. The team won all their group matches against very stiff opposition, but just lost out in the quarter final. They all showed real team spirit during the tournament and performed to the highest standard. The players voted Tom Meharg as player of the tournament.

**A Team Football Match....**The A Team led by Edward Mawer and Fergus Kerr played in a cup match on Tuesday evening against St Kenya in Keynsham. The performed to a very high standard but were unlucky to lose 1-0. Ned Burn was voted 'Man of the Match' by the team for saving a very high number of goals.  
Jenny Newman, PE co-ordinator

## PTA News.....QUIZ- Friday March 4th - Book your team TODAY!

If you are thinking of booking a team for next Friday's not-to-be-missed PTA quiz, don't delay book today! It's a really great evening, not too serious, not at all competitive, and there will be delicious food from Darling Deli and a very reasonably-priced bar! Good company, good value, prizes, fun fun fun, and supporting your school! (have I sold it to you yet?). If you don't have a team but would like to join one, please let me know. We need lots more teams to register, for this event to go ahead. Thank you! Tickets £12.50 per person, £75 per team of six. [angela36collins@gmail.com](mailto:angela36collins@gmail.com) 07711 250792

**Dandy Arthouse Cards.....**Your child/children's unique art cards will be winging their way to you very soon. Details of how to order packs of cards will be sent with your free sample card.

There will be a unique code on the back of each card, to quote with every order. Please place orders before 12 midnight on Friday 11th March. For more information contact Karen at [k.toogood@bath.ac.uk](mailto:k.toogood@bath.ac.uk)  
Have a great weekend, Angela

## TWO WONDERFUL THINGS.....

Firstly, it's our All Age service at St Stephen's on Sunday. As usual there'll be the 45-minutes of songs, fun activity and something to encourage us in our lives together, something of God's love to feed us and warm us. Also, Jeremy Johnson is the new landlord of The Richmond. As you know, it's had its ups and downs recently, including a threat to turn it back into a house. But it's survived, it's still our own local pub. Jeremy has great plans for the place, and has committed to it for a number of years. He is now serving coffee/pastries (he's a pastry chef!) Tuesday -Friday after drop off. As you know, I'm a great believer in supporting local places. The Richmond is part of the fabric and flourishing of our community, I hope we'll be able to support him and reward his efforts. If he flourishes, we all do! Revd Philip

**Parents Evening....**We hope to have the Parents evening booking system live on Parentmail towards the end of next week. Please let us know if you have not received the text which included the link to register.

**Recorder Clubs performance.....**Our two Recorder Clubs are performing at the Mid-Somerset Festival next week, 3rd March at 4pm in the Pavilion as part of a Primary School Music Making afternoon.

Could performers please return reply slips a.s.a.p, to Reception; any queries, contact Jeni Reid at [musicumbrella@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:musicumbrella@yahoo.co.uk).

## Term dates reminder.....

### Coming up in March

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Y1 Parent Phonic Check Information Meeting 2.30pm
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> - Book Fair
- 4<sup>th</sup> - World Book Day & Dress Up
- 4<sup>th</sup> - PTA Quiz
- 8<sup>th</sup> - Y2 Assessment Eve 6pm-7pm
- 10<sup>th</sup> - Year 4 Cake sale 3.20pm
- 15<sup>th</sup> - Y6 Assessment Eve 6-7pm
- 22<sup>nd</sup> - PTA Meeting
- 24<sup>th</sup> - Easter Service
- 25<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> - Easter Weekend (school closed Friday & Monday)
- 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> Parent Consultations

**Cake Sale for Julian House.....**Year 4 are having a cake sale to raise money for Julian House. Please come and support them.

Date: Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March  
Time: 3.20pm  
Place: Drama Area of hall

